



# St Luke's News

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23rd June 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

*Wow! What a day we had celebrating the Windrush Generation and all the positivity they have brought to this country.*



The Justice Committee led the assembly with an explanation of the facts and then a recreation of the journey and arrival. The highlight was a question and answer session with three people who made that journey: Mrs Hazelwood in the 1950s, Mrs Buddington in the 1960s and Mr Corbin in the 1970s. Their recollections brought the story to life and they stayed on after the assembly to thoughtfully discuss what this decision had meant to their lives. Those pupils, parents and staff who heard them realised just how privileged we were to hear their retelling of this incredible part of our nation's history. We finished in prayer thanking God for all the many positives that people from all over the world have brought to our country. What a day!



## A Letter from the Deputy Headteacher of Dersingham Primary

Below is a message from Clair Clements, the Deputy Headteacher of Dersingham Primary, who is one of the leads for 'Education 4 Change', an initiative in Newham to create schools that reflect our actual community's experiences:

*'Firstly, I would just like to say thank you so much for this morning. It was so inspiring to see a school so passionate about making sure that every single child and adult is thought about and the pupils were so confident in talking about all the amazing roles and responsibilities they have. I asked one of the pupils walking me around about 'belonging' and she so eloquently said that belonging to her was feeling like she mattered - and that's what St Luke's and the staff have done for her.*

*If you're happy to, I would really like to add something in the E4C newsletter about other schools visiting you so they can see some of the themes that are imbedded within everything that you do - do let me know if this will be OK. Thank you again - I'm so thankful that there are schools like yours in Newham.'*

## **Y2 Explore the sea-side**

On Friday our Year 2s visited Leigh-on-Sea (near Southend) on a geography and history field trip comparing life by the sea to Canning Town. They went to a local museum and relaxed exploring the beach, something Leigh definitely has more of!



## **Volcanic chat in Y3**

Year 3 have been learning about Montserrat and volcanoes in geography and have started learning about rocks in science. Miss O'Garro's cousin, James 'Scriber' Daley, zoomed into the classroom to tell them more about the 1995 and 1997 eruptions in Montserrat, where Miss O'Garro family is from. On the island, he is a Forest Ranger and taught the children about different rocks and how they are



formed. He also shared his personally experience of the volcanic eruptions and how it has impacted his family and his home. He has promised to come to St Luke's in person with some artefacts from the island.

## KS2 Sports Day

Below are pictures from our KS2 Sports Day on Tuesday. A big thank-you goes out to Miss Adams and the staff for organising a great celebration - and if we wondered why our children are so competitive at sports then we only had to look at the parents' races!! EYFS & KS1 Sports Day had to be rearranged because of an early morning downpour but will now take place on this coming Monday morning.



## And finally... Y6 Natural Art Project

Take a moment to enjoy this simple piece of nature art. Is it a bird? A butterfly? An angel...? Whatever it is - it's beautiful!

Please check out the upcoming term dates below.

Have a peaceful weekend and see you on Monday

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Hipperson'.

**Matt Hipperson**  
Head Teacher



### Upcoming Dates

June 26<sup>th</sup> EYFS & KS1 Sports Day AM  
June 30<sup>th</sup> Zero Electricity day – carbon free and no technology!  
July 3rd-5th Y6 Residential trip to Stubbers Adventure Centre  
July 5<sup>th</sup> Strike Day  
July 3rd- 14<sup>th</sup> – every morning Y4 Swimming Lessons @ Olympic Pool  
July 7th Strike Day  
July 11<sup>th</sup> Y6 SATs results published  
July 13<sup>th</sup> end of Year Reports going out to parents  
July 14th PM St. Luke's Carnival Parents Welcome  
July 17th AM End of Year Music Concert  
July 19th AM Y6 leavers service  
July 20th End of Year Awards  
July 20th School closes for Summer Holidays at 1pm

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